

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

~~17E.~~ Please replace the specification with the attached substitute specification. A marked up specification is also attached, which shows the changes made to the specification. No new matter has been introduced by the substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice.

✓ Please amend Claims 11-24 in "clean" format, as follows:

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Claim 11. (Amended/Clean) A method of treating an upper respiratory disease in a human or an animal in need thereof, the method comprising:

administering to a nasal passageway of the human or the animal a composition comprising alpha-hydroxypropionic acid and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, wherein the alpha-hydroxypropionic acid¹⁰ in a concentration of 0.2-10 vol.% based on the volume of the acceptable pharmaceutical vehicle.

Claim 12. (Amended/Clean) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle is selected from the group consisting of 1,2,3-propanetriol, 1,2-propanediol, and serum. *orig cl*

Claim 13. (Amended/Clean) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the alpha-hydroxypropionic to be added is 85 vol.% aqueous solution. *new matter*

Claim 14. (Amended/Clean) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein 0.2ml-4.0 ml of the aqueous alpha-hydroxypropionic solution is added to a mixture solution of 70ml of 1,2,3-propanetriol and 30ml of 1,2-propanediol. *new matter*